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# REVIEW

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Didsbury High School actors
(from left) Sarah Nowlan, Haleigh
Hopps, Addison Price, Michael
Fawns, Karson Dussaults, Blake
Hancock and (waving flag) Logan
Rahaula fight on the French
Revolution barricades in Les
Miserables on opening night
Dec. 3. See story on page 8.



# Christmas helpers give hampers, angel gifts

#### Caring enough to share



Frank Dabbs/MVP Staff
Madison Jardine and Kara Skull shop together at the annual
Ross Ford White Elephant Sale Dec. 4 held to raise money for
the Christmas Helpers hampers. "For me, this is when Christmas

starts," said Brent Runnett, the principal of the elementary school.

BY FRANK DABBS MVP Staff

Once again, in a tradition established in the mid-1980s, the Didsbury Christmas Helpers are recruiting hamper sponsors and gift givers to make the season brighter for Didsbury families.

Linda Sirr and Linda Regner are organizing generous community members to sponsor food hampers and buy angel gifts for children in a drive that culminates Dec. 18 in a gift-wrapping bee at the Zion church at 7 p.m.

church at 7 p.m.

"It is the time of year that we focus our hearts on the needs of our families." Sirr said Dec. 3.

our families," Sirr said Dec. 3.
"This has a ripple effect as an act of sharing that includes the hamper and gift givers, our banker at the Alberta Treasury Branch, the wrappers, deliver-

ers and receivers," she said.

Ross Ford Elementary School had an annual White Elephant Sale Dec. 4 that raises about \$1,000 for the program, she said

Ulla –La Boutique, Mugs and the post office assist with the angel gifts. Donors pick an angel from Christmas trees at Ulla-La and the post office that denote the age of a child. They buy age-appropriate gifts and return them unwrapped to the post office by Dec. 16.

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They will be wrapped at the church on Dec. 18.

The Christmas Helpers need about 35 more sponsors to achieve their target of 130 hampers. There are three categories of hampers – \$125, \$200 and \$300, depending on the size of the recipient family. The hampers are filled with non-perishable basic groceries.

The deadline for hamper sponsorship is Dec. 16 and sponsored hampers should be brought to the Zion church Dec. 17 and 18, Sirr said.

"The wrapping on Dec. 18 is a community event and family affair," said Sirr. "Up to 90 people wrap and make up the hampers. Participants should bring scissors, tape and wrapping paper.

"We deliver the hampers and angel gifts from 11 a.m. on Saturday Dec. 19 from the Zion church," she said.

"If you need a hamper or know someone who does, please call Zion church at 403-335-3629 and give the information," said Sirr.

"This project happens because of all the people living in the Didsbury area who care so unselfishly for those who live around them," she said.





#### BY FRANK DABBS MVP Staff

The Shiloh Players will launch Christmas week in Didsbury with dessert theatre performances of I'll be Home for Christmas, a musical about hope and

Three performances will take place in the Multi Purpose Room at the Didsbury Memorial Complex, at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Dec. 19 and 2 p.m. on Dec. 20.

The admission is free, however reservations made by calling 403-819-6757 allow Shiloh to prepare sufficient desserts and coffee for the audience.

Barb Driessen and her husband Bill lead Shiloh, an interfaith Christian drama

group that had two decades of production experience in Calgary before the

Driesens moved to Didsbury, Barb said.

This drama revolves around a family's radio in the days before the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, said Driessen.

"Til be Home has a cast of eight and a choir of about 15," Barb said. They

come from Olds, Carstairs and Didsbury.

"The cast does all the costumes themselves, Bill lights the stage and our grand-son Justin does the sound," she explained.

"Monika with a K from Top Note Music School in Didsbury directs the music. Tracy Leoppky is our designer.

Railroading hurts farm safety bill BY FRANK DABBS apply MVP Staff

Workers' compensation for hired hands is an OK idea but the way the NDP government is "railroading" farm safety scares farmers, says a leading Didsbury grain producer.

Larry Mullen, who operates Grandview Acres, a century-Grandview Acres, a century-old family farm, said in an inter-view Dec. 2 that the prospect of Occupational Health and Safety regulation "scares us" because of what the government has not yet revealed about how it would apply to Alberta farms.

"The government should delay Bill 6, the proposed farm safety law, so that they have a chance to talk with us about it," Mullen said.

"I don't mind paying for a hired hand, but do I have to pay for a full year when I just hire him for the harvest?" he asked.

This is seasonal labour, so

how does workers' compensation

This government doesn't know farming. I have no problem with WCB Workers' Compensation Board), just the way it is done, Mullen said.

"I worry about how it might affect my grandkids. I worry about it hurting 4-H.

"The government has given no thought to that."

Many farmers and town residents signed a petition circulated in Didsbury at the end of November and in early December asking the legislative assembly to "immediately withdraw its proposed Bill 6 (the enhanced protection for farm and ranch workers act) from the legislative agenda order paper and cease all further readings and

debate of its content."

However, the bill was in second ading by Thursday. (update Monday)

# Farmers plan protest cavalcade

BY FRANK DABBS MVP Staff

Farmers from the Crossfield, Carstairs and Didsbury area will join a farm equipment protest cavalcade to Olds Dec. 9 to demonstrate opposition to Bill 6.

They plan to arrive at Olds College by 1 p.m., the starting time of an NDP government infor-mation meeting on the law that would include hired farm hands in Worker's Compensation insurance and make farm operations subject to Occupational Health and Safety regulation, effective Jan 1.

The convoy will form up at the

Viterra grain elevator on highway 2A and the CP rail line at Crossfield between 10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. and travel to Olds, arriving for the information meeting at the Pomeroy Inn on the north side of the Olds College campus.

"The meeting is sold out, but we'll be there anyway," said meeting telephone volunteer Donald Wright.

Farmers at the coffee shops in Didsbury Dec. 4 said they plan to take tractors, grain trucks and combines to the protest.

Farm equipment cavalcades have driven to Bill 6 meetings in Lethbridge and Okotoks.



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December 9, 5-0 Club Christmas Dinner, December 9 at 12:30 pm. Ham and Scalloped Potatoes provided. Please bring veggies, s or a dessert. All are welcome.

Concert 2015. Guest: Didsbury Guitarist, Jake Peters. Thursday, Dec 10 at 7:30 pm at Didsbury Zion Evangelical Church. Admission: Adults \$10; Students \$5; children 6 and under are free.

December 12. Upcycle craft day @your library. Come and create a ature book at the Didsbury Municipal Library from 12-3pm! Learn how to book bind on a small scale and make a cover for your tiny book. Awesome handmade gift for the book lover in your life!

December 16. Didsbury Museum Coffee and Conversation from 1 to 3:30. Joins us for a Christmas celebration with music, memories, and snacks.

December 17. Olds Community Chorus, Winter/Christn Concert 2015. Guest: Didsbury Guitarist, Jake Peters. Thursday. Dec 17 at 7:30 pm at Olds First Baptist Church. Admission: Adults \$10; Students \$5; children 6 and under are free.

December 19. and 20. OUTDOOR LIVE NATIVITY - Redeemer Lutheran Church 1500 23 St, Didsbury at 7:30 p.m. with refreshr to follow in the church gym. (403) 335-3161. All are welcome!

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# **Thieves** steal and torch truck and scooter

BY FRANK DABBS MVP Staff

Police are concerned about recent vehicle thefts in which crooks steal trucks, keep them for a short time, then abandon and burn them.

Const. Keith Gill said Dec. 3 that the pattern involves stolen trucks and the arson takes place in remote rural locations.

He said that a 2006 Hyosung scooter stolen from

the Crop Production Services compound near the four-way stop at highways 2A and 582 sometime between Nov. 25 and 27 was probably one found on the back of a pickup destroyed by an arsonist near the corner of Twp. Rd. 314 and Rge. Rd. 61. The vehicles were burned down to their frames

and bodies in an intense blaze fed by an acceler

ant, likely gasoline.

An RCMP vehicle identification unit will confirm that the scooter is the one stolen from the Crop Production Services property, Const. Gill

#### **Busted by stolen GPS**

The GPS on a stolen backhoe led RCMP to a cache of stolen construction equipment on a rural property on Twp. Rd. 314 on Nov. 27.

The Didsbury detachment received a call from the Calgary city police when the owner of a stolen backhoe, flatbed trailer and skid-steer turned on the backhoe's GPS unit, Const. Gill said.

It pinged from the rural location, police went to investigate, found the stolen goods and arrested and charged a 61-year-old old man. He has been charged with possession of stolen property and will appear in Didsbury court in January to face

#### RCMP arrest drunker and dumber

Two men, a 27-year-old from Coaldale and a 20-year-old from Parksville, B.C., face mischief charges after they ripped a gas tank off a farm vehicle and attempted to pour fuel from it into their automobile's gas tank, recounted Const.

When this proved unsuccessful, police say they went to a second property to steal some gas cans

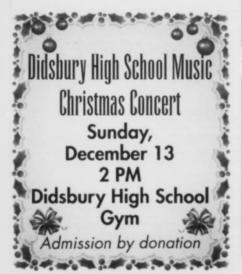
and got diesel fuel containers instead.

At this point Const. Gill, while on patrol, came upon their car. Gill said they were very impaired, so he arrested the two. A third man, the driver,

They were not the sharpest tools in the shed, said Const. Gill.

"They had cash and were close to Didsbury and the 24-hour FasGas where they could have refuelled. But they were very impaired and just didn't know where they were

The men are slated to appear in Didsbury court Jan. 11 to answer to the charges



# Fake \$20 American bills circulating

BY LEA SMALDON MVP Staff

Police say they expect more fake \$20 American bills to show up at businesses in the region after one fraudster was caught on surveillance video with a "big wad" of them.

Since Nov. 18 and as recently as Nov. 26, the fake bills with the same serial number have been passed at businesses in Carstairs, Didsbury and Olds.

AG Foods, Co-op, Carstairs Truck and Wash and Dollar Store

are among those where the fake bills have been passed off as legitsaid Didsbury

RCMP Cpl. Clint Gulash.

A male suspect was caught on video taken at an surveillance undisclosed business

"In the surveillance video we can see...that he has a big wad of these fake 20s. So there's going to be more attempts," said Gulash.

He implores businesses to be vigilant and he recommends not accepting American \$20 bills unless they can be verified as

"Businesses don't even have to accept it. You as a business can Tm not accepting American \$20 bills because there's a counterfeit problem going on.' I remember years ago when we were having a problem with the \$100 bills, most companies had that stuck on their counter that we're not accepting \$100 bills because of the fraud," he said.

Looking at the fake \$20 American bills, Gulash said he can tell they're not good, but "if you're not familiar with it you

# Domestic disputes being reported more frequently

BY SIMON DUCATEL

MVP Staff

Although there have been instances of increased domestic disputes in some areas, the Sundre RCMP detachment's commander said that's probably due to people becoming more likely to call the police.

In other words, domestic disputes are not so much on the rise as are the numbers of people who report such incidents, said Sgt. Jim Lank

Sundre Coun. Myron Thompson asked Lank whether rural communities were experiencing such issues

"I know it's on the rise in the cities — pol can't keep up," he said. But it largely depends on the area, said Lank

'In our rural areas, I don't see that happening the sergeant said.

"If there is a rise in domestic violence cases it could very well be more due to the fact victims and people are reporting them more readily than

violence incidents but a rise in the reporting of them.

Domestic disputes have what's called a "high dark figure." This means people don't for various reasons get the police involved, said Lank.

"Over time there's been a change in that attitude.

I think people are just reporting it more now."

Also contributing to an increase in the numbers of reported domestic disputes is a change and

expansion in the definition of the term.

"A file is treated as domestic violence if there is even so much as a disagreement and an argument between two people that are in a relationship, and if it's reported to us we define it as domestic

The sergeant attributed the increased likelihood of people reporting such incidents and the change in criteria for domestic disputes to be behind the alleged rise in reports

"I really think probably it's more of those two factors than necessarily a rise in occurrences themselves," he said.



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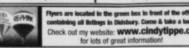






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#### Christmas at Zion Church

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December 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7:00 pm



Darrel (left) and Wayne Howden are second-generation custodians with Chinook's Edge School Divsion in Didsbury. Darrel has taken care of Ross Ford Elementary School for 26 years and Wayne has been with the school division for 20 years as custodian at Cremona and, now, Westglen School. Their father Roy (in the photo held by Wayne) hauled supplies to Ross Ford's construction before being hired as the school's first custodian for 27 years.

## Local MLA mourns fellow politician who passed away

BY DOUG COLLIE MVP Staff

Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills MLA Nathan Cooper says the passing of fellow MLA Manmeet Bhullar has opened his eyes to the fragility of life and the importance of family.

memorial service for Bhullar, 35, was held Nov. 29 in Calgary. He was killed Nov. 23 along Highway 2 north of Red Deer, when struck by a semi-truck that had lost control. At the time, Bhullar was helping another motorist who had ended up in the ditch.

Manmeet's Dave Bhuller owns and operates a new liquor store on 20 Street in

Didsbury.
During an interview Mountain View shing, Cooper with Publishing, Cooper noted he and Bhullar were the same age, 35.

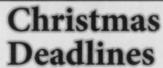
"Obviously it's a tremendous loss Alberta. Manmeet Bhuller was a great MLA, despite us not seeing the world exactly eye to eye," Cooper said.

"He was a passionate defender of the vulnerand of Albertans and of this province and we were all deeply saddened by the tragic car accident that ended his

"Mahmeet and I were both 35 years old and it was a pretty tough day around the legislature (on the day he died) and then again when we paid tribute to him in the house," he added.

"One of the things that really hit home for me was (the night he got killed) when I got to go home to my family, something that Manmeet didn't have the same opportunity to do.

"It's just really shone a light on the importance of those things and to not get our priorities wrong," Cooper said.



The December 29 **Mountain View Gazette** 

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> Sales DEADLINE is Tuesday, December 29 at 3 pm. All ads MUST BE APPROVED by 3 pm December 30.

The Olds office will be Closed December 25th and January 1. Sundre, Carstairs, Didsbury and Innisfail offices will be closed December 24, 25, 31 and January 1



Didsbury Dragons basketball player Kassie Miller tries to get past a Royals player during the Dragons' game against the Olds Koinonia Royals at Olds Koinonia Christian School on Dec. 2. The Dragons lost this game however on Dec. 5 in Canmore, the Dragons won bronze at a Canmore invitational tournament in spite of a rash of injuries, including an ankle injury sustained by Miller, that occurred during

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# Colts have a winning Christmas seaso

MVP Staff

The Mountainview Colts won home victories over the Ponoka Stampeders Dec. 4 and 5 giving the team a jolly start to Christmas.

The team is just one point out of first place, trailing the Airdrie Thunder in the standings with 34 points to the Thunder's 35

However the Colts have a two-game advantage that gives them a clear opportunity to pick up the points necessary to advance in the standings.

The team is spreading winning cheer to Christmas campaigns in Didsbury for the Mountain View Food Bank and the Christmas Helpers hampers.

The Colts led for the entire game on the 5th in the Didsbury Memorial Complex in the weekend matchup against Ponoka, jumping ahead on two second-period goals, after a scoreless

The first goal came from Colton Anderson assisted by Tyson Schmidt and Ryan Klinck. Jacob Vander Zaag scored the second on a relay from Cole Sutherland and Dennis Lawrence.

The Stampeders' Tyson answered at 15:27 in the third period on a pass from Cody Lemon on a setup

from Justin Van Tetering. The goal came during a rest period taken by the Colts, who threw away a perfectly good shutout for Thomas Della Seiga in a moment of relaxation that Ponoka was glad to capitalize on.

Tyson Schmidt put the game away for the Colts on an unassisted breakaway with a sizzling shot over the left shoul der of Stampeder goalie Zeke Leuck.

The next night in Ponoka, the Stampeders took a first-period 2-0 lead. D J. Home scored the first goal on a power play, assisted by Tyson Crampain and Cody Lemon. Justin Van Teterin scored on a pass from Brendan Scott.

In the last minute of the period, Austin Peterson scored for the Colts, assisted by Cole Anderson and Tyson Scmidt.

The second period belonged to the Colts, with Jacob Vander Zaag getting the first Mountainview goal unassisted. Then Cole Sutherland scored, assisted by Evan Ingram. Schmidt got a power play marker on a pass from Sutherland.

Stampeder Nate Higgins scored twice in a two-minute span, tying the game and putting Ponoka back in contention. Four minutes later Chad Jamieson got the go-ahead goal, assisted by Nicolas Miluch. In the third period, the Stampeders tied it again, 5-5, when Cody Lemon connected again.

However Colton Anderson scored the ame-winning goal, assisted again by Evan Ingram. He then administered the coup de grace in the final minute.

The Colts have a crowded schedule before the Christmas break with games in Blackfalds on the 8th, then at home to Strathmore on the 11th, Airdrie on the 12th, Red Deer on the 16th,, and an away game in Stettler on the 18th.

The Colts are raising money and col-

lecting non-perishable groceries for the food bank at the Dec. 8, 11 and 12 home games by asking fans to fill food hampers or donate toonies

The players will also deliver hampers for Christmas Helpers on Dec. 19.

The annual alumni game is also set for Dec. 19 at the Didsbury Memorial Complex at 7:45 p.m. The evening starts with a beef-on-a-bun meal at the curling rink concession.







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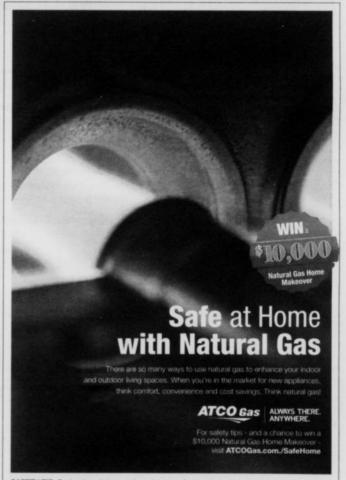
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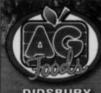
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# Fire the people

Near the end of U.S. President Jimmy Carter's bungling administration, his press secretary Jody Powell read the latest polls, ground his teeth and said, "Fire the people.

On her return from Paris, Premier St. Rachel Notley, according to her statements in the legisla-ture and her press conference Dec. 3, wants to fire Alberta's farmers.



According to the NDP got ernment's view of the world, Alberta's farmers abuse the human rights of the hired man and routinely put their children at risk of life and limb doing farm chores.

In an email to the CBC's Calgary Eyeopener, Debbie Devlin who describes her-self as a former Alberta Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) advisor said the concerns about Bill 6 expressed on the radio were whining" and "reminded me of that Gone with the Wind

kind of pining for slavery."

Apparently Devlin has not read Gone with the Wind or seen the movie because there is no "pining for slavery" in it.

Nor has she been on an Alberta farm - which is a safer place to work than on an Alberta construction site, drilling rig or telecommunications facility, that are all under the authority of the OHS.

In less than a year, St. Rachel has thrown a spanner into the spokes of oil and gas drilling and production, the oilsands, coal mining and now farming.

All because, with an arrogance surpassing that of the Progressive Conservatives, she won't listen and won't consult the very people who could help her achieve her policy objectives if only she would listen to them.

It takes this Albertan back to the winter of 1980 and 1981 when the federal government made the same

The feds ran the draft National Energy Program (NEP) past at least two Canadian giants to see if would work - Dome Petroleum and Alberta Gas Trunk Lines (Nova Corp.) - but would not show it to the Canadian Petroleum Association.

The oil and gas industry didn't buy the main objective of the NEP – to get greater Canadian ownership of the industry – but could have shown the government how to do that without damaging the industry, including Canadian-controlled and Canadian-owned companies

Marc Lalonde, Allan MacEachan, Donald MacDonald and Pierre Trudeau thought they knew better

So they did the NEP their way and destroyed not only the oil and gas sector and its Canadian component but the "naturally-governing" Liberal Party that formed government for most of the 20th century.

So go ahead, St. Rachel. Fire the people. Fire the farmers. Do it your way because you think you know

You will still be a young woman when your only term as premier of Alberta ends. You'll have plenty of your life left to wonder where it all went wrong. We could tell you now, but you won't listen.

Opinion



# Letters

## Economic development needs collaboration

Didsbury economic development in the Dec. 1 Didsbury Review. Didsbury has great potential for economic development and tourism opportunities, which we see illustrated when production companies turn our downtown into a movie set.

Previously, the town policy was that economic development should be grown from grassroots, at an arm's length to the town, and the town should not formally have a committee. I believe Didsbury needs one, however I have not been able to con vince decision makers of the benefits and rewards of such a committee.

In the last couple of years I've attended numerous economic development courses and training opportunities and have committed hours of research

that support my belief in the value of a Town of Didsbury economic development committee. Never have I heard that a town should distance itself from such work.

It's very encouraging to see that there are like minded people in the town. I'm excited to think we could collectively develop a committee that worked towards developing Didsbury into the place we all know it can be. Please know that we are listening to citizens such as Norm Quantz and working towards this goal.

I appreciate Norm's thoughtful approach and dedi-

Joyce McCoy Deputy mayor Didsbury

### Town should comply with the Municipal Government Act

I was present for Lowell Grasse's pre to Didsbury town council regarding the decision to discontinue property tax concessions for nonresidential lots that are auxiliary to main business operations and utilized as storage yards and parking lots housing vehicles for work purposes (Didsbury Review, Dec. 1).

I hear continued references to the term "developed" and that ownership attributes are both deter mining factors in assessment and taxation of certain non-residential parcels of land in Didsbury.

I am reminded of the following quote: "When you think of Things, you find sometimes that a Thing which seemed very Thingish inside you is quite different when it gets out into the open and has

other people looking at it" from The House at Pooh Corner by A.A. Milne.
My review of the Municipal Government Act,

an analysis of the Guide to Property Assessment and Taxation in Alberta, and conversation with Municipal Affairs led me to the following conclu-

Neither the MGA Act nor the guide refer to the term "developed" (or any associated or derivative term), or assign any relevance to ownership attri-

butes in a tax matter of this kind.

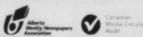
Town administration clarification (referring to specific sections in the MGA Act and the guide, plus utilization of its terminology) is required as to:

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Continued from page 6 why non-building capital improve ments (such as fencing, pavement and gravel) have been excluded from nonresidential property assessments, and

why such expenditures fail to meet the standards set forth in the enacted legislation to qualify certain parcels of land as "Improved non-residential" If at law these parcels of land are "Improved non- residential", discussions on concessions from a "Vacant non-residential" classification are irrel-

We all want fair and equitable prop erty tax assessment and taxation. believe town administration needs to bring to council an amended position regarding "Improved non-residential parcels of land taking into account the MGA and the guide.

Fairness, full disclosure, due proces and governance adhering to enacted legislation are important to residents of Didsbury. It is very difficult to create a future vision, one that provides people a sense of belonging through encouragement to participate, reinforcing the ideal they can make a difference, when such attributes are lacking

K.R. (Kevin) Bentley Didsbury

## Letters

### Opposition to Bill 6 could backfire

Some individuals and organizations are expressing a strident, opposition to Bill 6 (the Enhanced Protection for Farm and Ranch Workers Act). There are also inflammatory, and frankly, ill-informed, statements being made about the scope and impact of the changes. And unfortunately these statements are gaining attention with in the agriculture community, the mass media, and the general public.

While no one, myself included, appreciates the imposition of addi-tional cost and regulation on their business, there are good reasons why everyone in agriculture should be accepting of Bill 6.

I am concerned aout the damage to the reputation and political capital of the farming community that strident opposition to this act will cause

When individuals speak out against Bill 6, their fear of involvement of outsiders in their personal life is understandable. A family farm is not just a business; it is also a home. And the notion that investigators could enter your home, and direct you on how to run it, of course invokes a strong and emotional reaction.

I appreciate that those who speak out against Bill 6 are sincere in presenting themselves as defending the privacy, individualism and inde-pendence that brought them to, and keeps them in, farming.

There is nothing that will delay or prevent the proclamation and implementation of Bill 6. It is a cor nerstone of the current government's platform, it is an emotionally engaging issue, and is perceived as overdue and entirely appropriate. The only outcome of non-constructive opposition to Bill 6 will be damage to agriculture's reputation

In comparison to the political and regulatory challenges that will impact farming in the next few years, Bill 6 is not worth harming our good reputation over. There will be substantive action on climate change. The regulation of agronomic practices (GMOs insecticides, herbicides) will expand. Tractability will become a require-ment for a wider range of products. Policies restricting ownership, transfer and development of agricultural land common in other jurisdictions will be considered for Alberta. Access to water and use of crops for fuel instead of food will be issues.

These are issues that will have a far more substantive impact on the eco-nomics and practice of farming. And given that those primarily involved in agriculture are a shrinking minor-ity of voters in Alberta, we are going to need the support of the public beyond our immediate industry if we are going to find solutions to these issues where the balance of economics, practicality and political reality comes out in our favour.

Mark Olson Carstairs

This letter was edited for length.

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An opportunity to meet informally with Council and ask questions or present great new ideas for Council to consider.



If you are unable to join us for this event, please stay tuned for a similar event.

# Great drama rises from creative chaos



Noel West/MVP Staff

Barricades protest organizers Henri, left, and Adele, played by Garrett Akster and Haleigh Hopps, scorn Manus, acted by Michael Fawns, as a dilettante because he is reluctant to take up arms for the revolution in Les Miserables produced at the Didsbury High School

BY FRANK DABBS MVP Staff

Didsbury High School's ambitious rendition of Les Miserables 3-5 was a creative miracle produced from flotsam in the days before the stage lights went on opening night.

Work started in September on the production of the twoact musical based on the Victor Hugo novel about crime, love and family in 18th century France before and during the revolution.

Its cast of memorable characters includes Jean Valjean who has been criminalized for stealing food to feed his family and spends the rest of his life seeking redemption. Fantine is a prostitute and her daughter Cosette is rescued by Valjean after Fantine's death.

The Thénardiers are cynical innkeepers and parasitic small-time crooks. Jarvet is an earnest police inspector caught in a web of inflexible laws and Myriel is a bishop who practises poverty and the New Testament brand of love

In all, there are 32 scripted characters in Bethany Swartzkopf's script and the Didsbury cast of 22 made up the numbers by playing multiple roles and participating as extras in the battle on the barricades at the climax of the play.

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Madamoiselle Gillenormand laments the marriage of her nephew Marius and Jean Valjean's adopted daughter Cossette to the gossipy Madamoiselle Griber in the Didsbury High School production of Les Miserables on Dec. 3.

In the minds of drama teacher and director Cali Beazley, her assistant director Mikaela Munn, the student cast and the technical crew, the pieces of Les Mis fit together. However by Nov. 28, less than a week prior to opening night, Les Miserables was like a collection of Lego bricks thrown along the hall-ways of the school.

On the weekend before the production, the cos-tumes were en route from The Tickle Trunk in Three Hills. In the high school's shop students built the set's stony walls and wooden shutters, designed by Mike Habina to be assembled from cardboard and Styrofoam with glue guns.

The cast of rehearsed their scenes in the entrance foyer of the school. The makeup artists practised their craft just down the hall.

A mainstage production at the high school has a budget of from \$8,000 to \$12,000 said Beazley, and students raise the money from selling tickets for the performance and fundraising projects such as waiting on tables this year at the chamber of commerce small business awards dinner.

Live theatre depends for its success on the alchemy of mixing the ingredients of light, sound, costumes, sets. characters, makeup. words and music into something that is more than the sum of its parts.

By Wednesday, these ingredients transformed the Didsbury High School gym into a French street that was, at various times in the play, in the towns of Digne and Montreuil-sur-Mer, and the turbulent city of revolutionary Paris.

It is magic like this that draws students into the drama program and theatre productions. It makes them more than just adolescent nonchalance, denim jeans, funky hair, sneakers, and shirts with messages that are strident or funny.

"I love drama," Haleigh Hopps who plays Fantine. Hopps presents Fantine as, at times, a tragic figure like Hamlet's Ophelia and at other times, a flower girl like Eliza Doolittle in My Fair Lady.

"I enjoy entering into a character," said Sage Jackson, the Jean Valjean of this production of Les

Beazley said that leading her student actors into a life onstage is not her objective.

Rather, she wants them to come out of themselves and the shyness and quietness that is often a hiding place for young people especially

when they are in the company of adults.

"I want them to develop a work ethic because drama requires discipline.

"I want them to be part of a team, part of some-thing together."

And for three days and four performances of Les Miserables, that is the magic that her students accomplished in the cast onstage and in the offstage crews.

It is the magic that brought the audience members to their feet to applaud at the conclusion of the opening night presentation.



Jean Valjean, played by Sage Jackson, throttles Thenardier, acted by Dylan Ward, while Madame Thenardier, portrayed by Lauren Ward, whimpers with fear in the Didsbury High School opening night production of Les Miserables Dec. 3



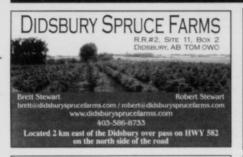
The Thenardier family, played by Maria Lemon, left, Lauren Ward and Dylan Ward dance as they plan to become rich by blackmailing Jean Valjean in Les Miserables produced by the Didsbury High School drama students Dec. 3 to 5.





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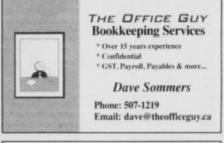
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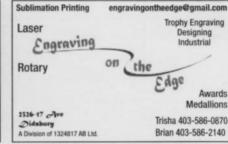
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Theodore Lois Janzen was born to Bill and Margaret Janzen on October 24 1926 in Didsbury Alberta and went to be with the Lord on Thursday, November 26, 2015 at the age of 89 years.

He grew up on his parents farm east of Carstairs. He Bergthal attended New

school from grades 1-8. Besides helping his father on the farm, he soon became handy with woodworking and carpentry, working alongside his Uncle Dave for several years. Eventually he was employed by the local County Schools, as sub-forman maintaining and upgrading for many years until his

Theodore loved to go camping and traveled rather extensively with the encouragement of his Aunt Agatha, visiting Alaska, Israel, Egypt and Europe. Theo (Ted) as his closest acquaintances tended to call him, loved His Lord, Jesus and was a faithful lifetime member of the Mennonite Bergthal Church, crafting the Communion Table that still graces the front of this sanctuary. In his more recent ars He would regularly be found at the local Motel coffee shop where he found great food and fellowship. For the last 11/2 years Theo lived at Bethany Care in Didsbury where he has been well loved and cared for by the nursing staff. A Memorial Service was held at Berathal Mennonite Church on Tuesday, December 1, 2015.

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### **Eugene (Gene) Bardal Musgrove** June 8, 1937 - November 28, 2015

of Eugene (Gene) Bardal Musgrove on Saturday, November 28th, 2015 at the Didsbury Hospital. Gene is survived by his wife of 56 years, Betty; son, Boyd (and Kathy) Musgrove; granddaughter, Saoirse; daughter, Sheila Musgrove of Calgary, AB; sister-in-law, Marjorie Musgrove of Virden MB; niece, Deb & Tim Whales of Whistler BC; nephews, Murray Musgrove of Virden MB, Brad Musgrove & Kelly of Stoney Plain, AB and Wes Musgrove of Ft. McMurray. He is pre-deceased by his brother, Jim Musgrove

Gene is also remembered b

Eileen Blakemore of Beaumont, AB; Dona Dobbyn of Strathclair, MB; Lois Shmyr of Shoal Lake, MB; and brothers-in-law, Wayne McCutcheon of Strathclair, MB; Fred & Donna Miller; Ed & Kathy Miller of Vista, MB.

Uncle Geeno will be sadly missed by his nun & Clarence Verbruggen of Hinton, AB; Brent Rockall of High Level, AB; Ernie & Kerri Rockall, Bob & Myrna McCutcheon, Darin Dobbyn & Nancy, Cindy & Troy

Kerri Rockali, Bob & Myrna McCutcheon, Darin Dobbyn & Nancy, Cindy &Troy Leavitt, Jason & Angela McCutcheon, Dan & Donna Shmyr, Trevor & Veronica McCutcheon, Dawn Miller, Dallas Miller, Devon & Troy Mackie, Sean Miller, Lindsay Miller & Phil and Kelsey Miller; along with 16 great nieces and nephews. Gene Musgrove was born in Shoal Lake, Manitoba, son to Beatrice and Wilfred. He grew up on the farm with his only brother, Jim, After school he became a truck driver before joining the Manitoba Highway's Department as a grader operator and snow plow operator. He remained with the Highways department for 15 years before he are fletting and the his decision to move to Historia in 1974.

before he and Betty made the big decision to move to Hinton in 1974. Upon arrival in Hinton, he was employed at the Pulp Mill, first as a machine operator and then as a Lubrication Mechanic. He worked at the mill for 25 years, retiring in 1999. Prior to retiring, Mom and Dad spent many a weekend searching for the perfect new town to settle in – the requirements were pretty specific. It needed to be driving distance to Calgary to be close to Boyd, Kathy and Shella. The other requirements were a golf course, curling rink and a hospital. Didsbury was the clear vinner. In 2000, Dad met the Alternative Funeral & Cremation Services Owner. Diann Rowat. He had always wanted to have a career in the funeral business, so it was a natural fit. He looked pretty darn spiffy in his funeral suit and loved the 15 years of service. With Dad, of course he was early, buffed and polished and ready to be a part of an impeccable service.

Gene was an avid golfer and member of the Hinton and Didsbury clubs. He enjoyed curling and the many fun bonspiels in Hinton, complete with team costumes! He was an long term volunteer on the annual Coalminers golf tournament in Hinton. He volunteered on two Senior's Games in Hinton and Didsbury, along with the Tournament of Hearts in Red Deer.

He enjoyed the RV Club travelling around the Province, along with many trips back to Manitoba to see family and friends, and cruises to the Panama Canal, Caribbean and Alaska this past May. Annual trips to Holiday Park in Kelowna were a highlight

He and Betty enjoyed bowling, cards and dinners with their friends in Didsbu He LOVED to tell jokes. He was well known for being the jokester - on colour or off, it didn't matter. If a joke needed to be told, it needed to be told. :-)

He was incredibly quick witted and very sharp.

He was in tremendous health all of his life with a few bumps coming in the last few years. In 2012 he had major heart surgery, followed by a stroke a short time later, with a quick recovery. He fell off a ladder in 2013 breaking his pelvis, which took its toll. He was admitted to the Didsbury Hospital for pneumonia which

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